IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0011], per the published application, with the following:

To achieve these and other advantages and in accordance with the purpose of the invention, as embodied and broadly described herein, the method is provided in the following steps. First, the color level scale of a scanned image of a document are reduced by a plurality of bits in order to subtract a noise level from the scanned image. Then the color level scale of all pixels of the image are recombined by a halftone pattern method in order to recover the color level scale. Finally the missing codes of the image are filled out by a bit enhance method. Because the color level scale of the proceeding image are not reduced, the scanned image quality ~~does not be~~ is not blurred by the method.

Please replace paragraph [0027], per the published application, with the following:

The present invention provides a method for reducing image noise. FIG. 1 illustrates a procedure of the method for reducing image noise of a preferred embodiment of the present invention. Referring to FIG. 1, a scanner 104 is connected to a computer 102 and an image is scanned by the scanner 104. The scanned image is output from the scanner 104 and is processed by steps ~~106 to 114~~ S102 to S110 in a procedure 100 to reduce the noise of the scanned image.